

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the following sections of the Specification. Applicant includes herewith a marked up version of the replacement paragraphs, underlined and/or bracketed text indicating insertions, and strikethrough and/or double brackets indicating deletions.

Please replace page 5, lines 18-35 with the following:

In the situation where the controlling means are provided with a momentary switch, the switch element is, preferably, responsive to an applied force of between 0.5 ~~0.5~~- 5.0~~5.0~~ Newton, even more preferably around 0.8 ~~0.8~~-Newton. The term "being responsive to" means that the switch element will change from one state to another state.

Thus, the level is, preferably, provided with a stiffness sufficiently large to convey a pressure force of at least 0.8 ~~0.8~~-Newton, or more preferably at least 0.5 ~~0.5~~-Newton to the switch element. A suitably constructed lever will convey the pressure force to the switch element, if the force is applied along the length axis of the lever or if the force is applied perpendicularly to the length axis of the lever.

The stiffness of the lever will, of course, depend on its shape and its dimensions, such as its length, as well as the type of material used for it.

The stiffness of the lever may be tested by selecting a 5 mm long lever and at the first end provide a fixed restraining of the lever, and subsequently applying a force of 0.8 ~~0.8~~-N at the second end of the lever where the force is applied substantially perpendicularly to the length axis. Subsequently, the deflection of the second end, resulting from the applied.

Please replace page 6, lines 22-25 with the following:

Measurements, performed by the inventor, on ears of a variety of individuals have revealed that a force applied to the tragus in the range of 30-50 grams, equivalent to 0.3 ~~0.3~~- 0.5~~0.5~~ Newton, will displace the tragus with approximately 0.5-1.0 cm from its rest position on an average individual.

Please replace page 9, lines 1-11 with the following:

The switch unit 10 comprises two gold-coated electrical contacts as seen on Fig. 2 items 30 and 31. This unit 10 may be attached to a face part of a hearing aid housing (not shown). The contacts 30 and 31 may be connected by means of electrical conductors to a control circuit 42~~(not shown)~~ that may be comprised on a hearing aid printed circuit board (not shown). The control circuit 42 may sense the electrical signal on a single or both contacts to determine that state of the switch i.e. whether the switch is in its rest position or in its active position.

Preferably, one of the switch contacts 30 and 31 provides one of two different DC voltages 0 volt and battery supply voltage (VBAT) to the control circuit 42 depending upon the state of the switch.